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- A.1. DEPARTMENT TEAM WISHES TO COMMENCE ITS WORK IN THE PRISONS MORNING JUNE 2.
- 2. THE TEAM TO CONSIST OF FSO-6 THERESE A. KLEINKAUF, FSO-3 LOUIS J. LINK, AND CONFERENCE STENOGRAPHERS FSS-3 ARNOLD A. COHN AND GS-11 CARL L. EUBANK. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, SCA, LOREN E. LAWRENCE, WILL BE TRAVELING WITH THE TEAM BUT WILL RETURN TO THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, PROBABLY JUNE 2 OR 3.
- 3. KLEINKAUF AND LAWRENCE TO ARRIVE MEXICO CITY 1956 HOURS, 5/28, AMERICAN NO. 140. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 4. LINK TO ARRIVE MEXICO CITY 2010 HOURS, 5/29, BRANIFF NO. 15.
- 5. STENOGRAPHERS TO ARRIVE MEXICO CITY 1956 HOURS, 5/31,

AMERICAN NO. 140.

- 6. TRAVELING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS WILL BE JAMES SCHOLLAERT. HE WILL BE ARRIVING MEXICO CITY 2010, 5/28/ BRANIFF NO. 15.
- 7. TRAVELING AS REPRESENTATIVES OF CONGRESSMAN STARK WILL BE EDIE WILKIE AND DAVID JULYAN. WILKIE WILL ARRIVE WITH SCHOLLAERT. JULYAN ARRIVING ON 5/29, AMERICAN NO. 140.
- 8. REQUEST MEDIUM PRICED HOTEL RESERVATIONS BE MADE FOR KLEINKAUF, LINK, LAWRENCE, EUBANK AND COHN. REQUEST ON A COURTESY BASIS HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE SHERATON BE MADE FOR SCHOLLAERT, WILKIE AND JULYAN, WHO ARE TRAVELLING AT CONGRESSIONAL EXPENSE.
- 9. REQUEST ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM, INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE GROUP BE MET AND TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL PROVIDED.
- 10. COHN AND EUBANK HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS AND MUST RETURN WASHINGTON BY 6/8.
- B.1. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTRACT LAWYER MENDOZA FILE REVIEW OF 15 CASES BE AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE BY THE TIME TEAM ARRIVES. REQUEST THAT SPANISH VERSION OF HIS REPORTS BE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH IN A MANNER SUITABLE FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE TRANSLATION AFTER THE TEAM ARRIVES.
- 2. BY THE TIME TEAM ARRIVES EMBASSY SHOULD HAVE CONFIRMED WITH 15 PRISONERS THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE AND TALK WITH THE TEAM. IN THOSE CASES WHERE APROPOS, PRISONER'S ATTORNEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND AVAILABLE FOR SITTING IN ON INTERVIEW IF THEY DESIRE. REQUEST EMBASSY TENTATIVELY CREATE FOR EMBASSY, PRISONER AND LAWYER CONVENIENT TIME UNCLASSIFIED

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SCHEDULE OF INTERVIEWS TO BE FOLLOWED. TEAM ANTICIPATES ABOUT ONE TO TWO HOURS FOR EACH INTERVIEW. TEAM ANTICIPATES DOING THE FIRST INTERVIEW WITH ALL TEAM MEMBERS PRESENT. WE THEN ENVISION SPLITTING INTO TWO TEAMS OPERATING THEREAFTER WITH MISS KLEINKAUF DOING THE WOMEN PRISONERS AND THE TWO MEN AT SANTA MARTA AND MR. LINK DOING THE MEN PRISONERS IN LECUMBERRI. BECAUSE OF PARTICULARS OF CASE, REQUEST THAT THE FIRST INTERVIEW BE WITH FRANK

RENNA.

- 3. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, STENOS WILL REQUIRE APPROXI-MATELY 8 HOURS TRANSCRIPTION FOR EACH HOUR OF INTERVIEW.
- C.1. TEAM WOULD LIKE TO GO THROUGH EMBASSY FILES ON 15 CASES ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, MAY 29 AND 30. WOULD LIKE A

COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING ON FRIDAY FROM MENDOZA SIMILAR TO THAT PROVIDED WALENTYNOWICZ AND LAWRENCE. TEAM WILL NEED A CONSULAR OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY FOR THE MONDAY MORNING INTERVIEW WITH RENNA AND THEREAFTER WILL NEED A CONSULAR OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY EACH TEAM. TEAM DESIRES TO COMPLETE THE PRISONERS' STATEMENTS ON PRISON PREMISES, PREFERABLY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRISONER. TWO SELECTRIC IBM ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS AND NECESSARY SUPPLIES AND FURNITURE FOR CONFERENCE STENOGRAPHERS AND APPROPRIATE SPACE TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE PRISON. MOST DESIRABLE WOULD BE A ROOM IN THE PRISON IN WHICH THE QUESTIONING COULD TAKE PLACE, TYPING OF THE STATEMENT ACCOMPLISHED AND SIGNING THE STATEMENT AS A COMPLETED ACTION OF WORK BEFORE MOVING ON TO NEXT INTERVIEW. IN THE EVENT THIS ARRANGEMENT NOT POSSIBLE AND/OR WE FIND INTERVIEWS TAKING SO MUCH TIME AS NOT TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TRANSCRIPTION TIME, STENOGRAPHERS WILL DICTATE INTO A DICTAPHONE OR TAPE RECORDER FROM THEIR NOTES ENABLING STRAIGHT SECRETARIAL TRANSCRIPTION AT THE EMBASSY. IN THIS CASE, CAN EMBASSY PROVIDE DICTA-TION EQUIPMENT AND CAN TEAM TAKE SUCH EQUIPMENT INTO THE PRISON? ADDITIONALLY, CAN EMBASSY PROVIDE SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS MANNER OF TRANSCRIPTION? WITHIN THE EMBASSY, TEAM WILL NEED TWO DRAWERS FOR SECURE LOCK UP OF MATERIALS. APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION FOR TEAM WILL ALSO BE NEEDED. INGERSOLL

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